

March 12, 2007

Mayor Bob Lemon
City of Cedar Park
600 North Bell Boulevard
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Re: Regional Water Project

Dear Honorable Bob Lemon,

Citizens of Volente recently learned of the Cedar Park, Leander, Round Rock plan for a deep water intake and 96 inch raw water pipeline through one of our residential neighborhoods to serve water to your cities. On Thursday, March 8 Volente held a public meeting on this subject. Chris Lippe of Round Rock, Duwain Whitis of HDR Engineering and Drew Hardin of Carter-Burgess presented an overview on the project and responded to citizens' questions and concerns.

Mr. Lippe said they are open to working with the Village to ensure prompt, accurate information exchange and to ensure that viable options are identified that incorporate Volente's input. To begin this process, Volente needs more information to help us evaluate the project and its potential impact on us. Volente requests that the project leadership prepare 3 written reports with detailed information to help us understand the project as it stands. The Village will be happy to provide appropriate information as requested to help in the preparation of these reports.

These reports are:

- 1) A detailed study of the project's potential benefits to Volente. Potential benefits include but are not limited to: treated water being made available to the Village, pressurized water for fire hydrants, road improvements to offset damage from construction. Each potential benefit should be clearly identified, along with a plan for realizing the benefit with a time line, and a study of the cost to the Village of achieving the benefit.
- 2) A detailed study of all sites that have been considered for this project. These sites include but are not limited to: the Oasis bluff site being used for Austin's Water Treatment Plant 4, the site at the entrance to Cyprus Creek, the Volente site, the site at the entrance to Sandy Creek, and the North Shore site. This study should indicate the criteria used during site evaluation, including cost to your customers and impact to existing communities. It should include a side by side comparison of each site's advantages and disadvantages.

3) A detailed study of the project's potential impact on Volente and its residents. This study should consider the impact both during construction and during operation. In addition, this study should include a plan for mitigating and minimizing the potential impact. This study should consider and include mitigation for possible damage to nearby wells, damage to roads, damage to public access, damage to lake recreation for nearby neighbors, damage to property values, etc.

We recognize the project is still in the very early stages. However, we feel the above reports can and should be prepared as soon as possible during these early stages. The Volente Council meets again on Tuesday, March 20. I hope to be able to report on your response to this request and the status of these 3 reports at that meeting.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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